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THE FUGITIVE
HE'S IN IT NOW! WE'LL NEVER SEE HUBERT NAGEL AGAIN!
DON PERLIN
GASP! I... I'M IN QUICKSAND... THEY DROVE ME INTO IT!
HOLD IT, BOYS! NOTHIN' CAN HELP NAGEL NOW!

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ALVIN KEEFER... YOU KNOW I DIDN'T TAKE THAT MONEY! HELP ME!
THE JURY FOUND YOU GUILTY, NAGEL!
WHY'D YUH RUN LIKE YUH DID IF YUH AIN'T GUILTY, NAGEL?

KEEFER FRAMED ME! HE'S GOT THE STOLEN MONEY, NOT ME!

NAGEL, LISTEN TO ME!
CONFESS YUH DID IT! TELL US WHERE YUH HID THE LOOT AND I'LL HAUL YUH OUT OF THERE!

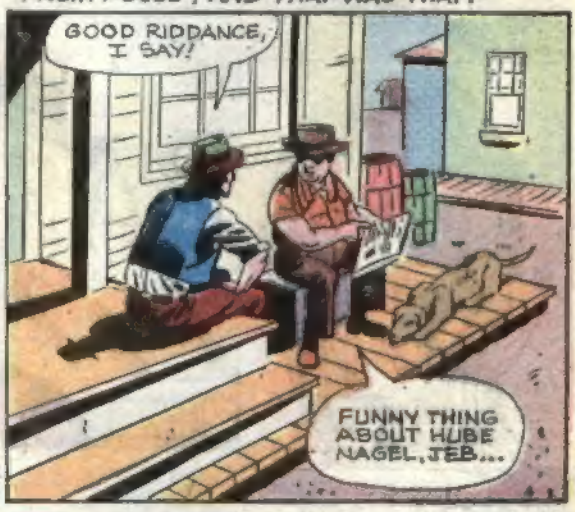
NAGEL A TERRIFIED MAN, HEARD... HE KNEW THIS WAS HIS LAST HOPE SO HE...

I DID IT, KEEFER! I... I B... BURIED THE MONEY... SAVE ME, I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE IT IS!

YUH HEARD HIM CONFESS, MEN!
CATCH THE ROPE, NAGEL!

I WONDER HOW DEEP THAT QUICKSAND IS? I HOPE HUBERT NAGEL IS DOWN FAR ENOUGH SO'S NOBODY EVER FINDS THE BODY!
DON'T WORRY, JEB... YOU'LL NEVER SEE NAGEL AGAIN!

THE LOCAL PAPER CARRIED THE STORY... "CONVICT HUBERT NAGEL DIED FLEEING FROM POSSE", AND THAT WAS THAT!



...HUBE WAS ALWAYS HELL-BENT ON GETTIN' EVEN WHEN SOMEONE DID HIM DIRTY! KNOW WHAT I MEAN? IF HUBE WAS GUILTY, CHANCES ARE THIS ENDS THE MATTER. BUT...

...IF HUBE WAS INNOCENT I'D HATE TUH BE THE ONES WHO HOUNDED HIM INTO THAT THERE SWAMP!
PLOP
NAGEL, A WIDOWER, HAD NO NEAR RELATIVES IN TOWN... AND WHEN THE BANKER PLACED A NOTICE OF FORCED SALE IN THE LOCAL PAPER NO PROTEST WAS MADE...
I KNOW YOU'VE SPREAD THE WORD NOT TO BID ON THE NAGEL FARM, ALVIN... I DON'T CARE AS LONG AS THE BANK GETS ENOUGH TO SATISFY THE MORTGAGE!
YOUR BANK WILL GET IT'S SHARE, OZZIE!
BA
IT'S MINE NOW! I'M MOVIN' RIGHT IN!
FUNNY, NAGEL ALWAYS LOOKED CONTENT SETTIN' BY THE STOVE! NOW, IT'S MINE...
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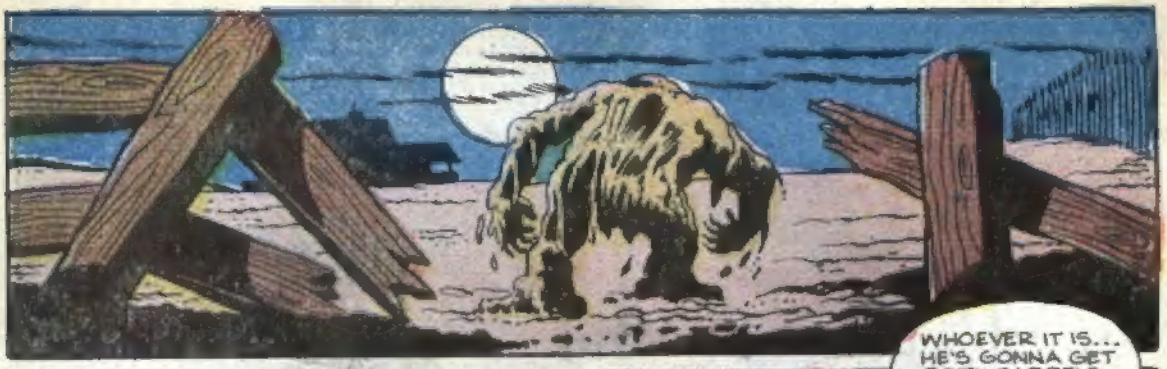
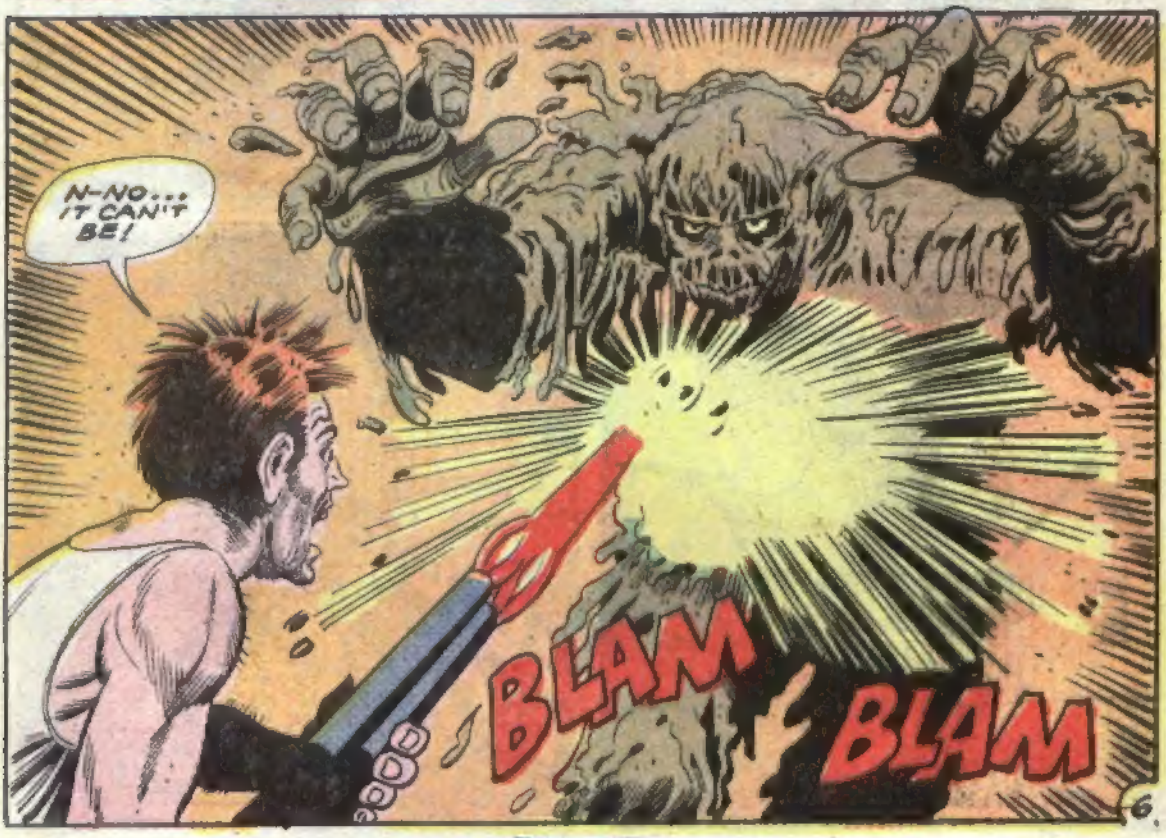
NOTHING? ALVIN KEEFER SHOULD'VE HEARD WHAT THE MAN HAD SAID... "HUBE NAGEL WAS ALWAYS **HELL-BENT** ON GETTING **REVENGE!**"



THE MEN WHO DROVE HUBERT NAGEL TO HIS MUDDY GRAVE SLEPT WELL THAT NIGHT... THAT IS THEY ALL DID **BUT ONE**... HE, JEB HENNING, HAD A HOUSE CLOSEST TO THAT SWAMP!



HENNING'S WIFE HEARD THE BLASTS... SHE FOUND JEB'S GUN... AND THE MUDDY FOOT PRINTS LEADING FROM THE HOUSE TO THE POND! THEY FOUND JEB'S BODY IN THE POND, THE NEXT DAY!

I SEEN THE MUDDY FOOT PRINTS, OZZIE! D-DO YOU THINK ITS...?!

NAGEL? IMPOSSIBLE! I HAVEN'T TIME TO DISCUSS IT NOW! I'M DRIVING TO MIAMI FOR A MONTH!

COINCIDENCE OR NOT, THE FOUR MEN WHO WATCHED HUBERT NAGEL DROWN IN THE QUICKSAND... FOLLOWED HIM TO A WATERY GRAVE...

SET STILL, J.D.!

I AIN'T ROCKIN' THE BOAT, LEO!

YAAAGHH

KEEFER WAS MORE CAUTIOUS THAN THE OTHERS... HE STAYED CLOSE TO HOME. A LOADED GUN NEAR AT HAND... AND HE WASTED AWAY FROM FEAR...

SOMETHIN' MOVED YONDER NEAR THE BARN...

IT'S HIM!

GLOP PLOP GLOP

PLOP PLOP
H-HE WON'T GET IN!
CRASH
BAM BAM BA
YAAAAGGHHH!
ALL UNITS RESPOND TO NAGEL FARM! COME-A-RUNNIN'!
VVRRRR
THE POLICE WERE TOO LATE! THEY DIDN'T FIND ANYONE... JUST A SET OF MUDDY PRINTS LEADING IN A STRAIGHT LINE...
HEADIN' FOR THE BAYOU... STRAIGHT AS A STRING
YOU KNOW ALVIN KEEFER WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN... AS THE MAN HAD SAID "HUBERT NAGEL WAS HELL-BENT ON REVENGE WHEN HE WAS DONE WRONG!" ... AND SO IT ENDED
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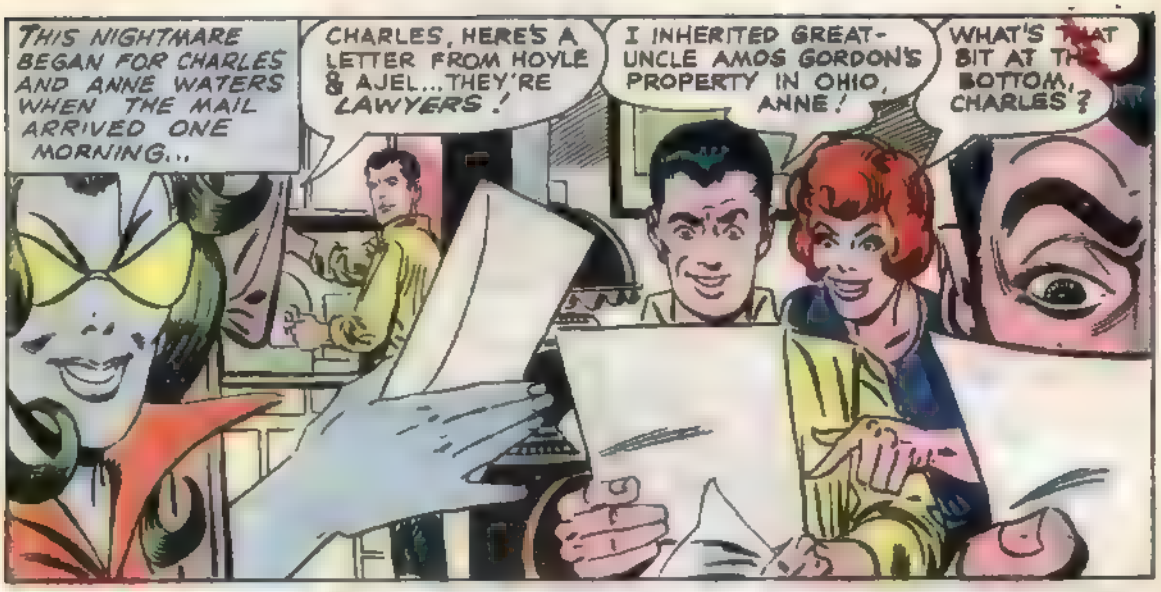
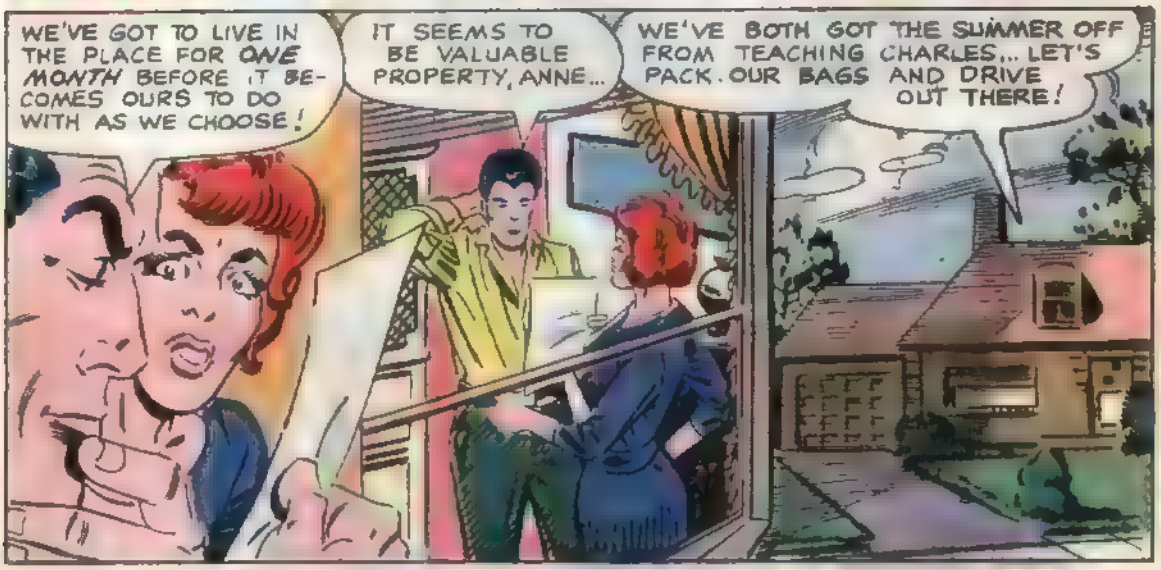
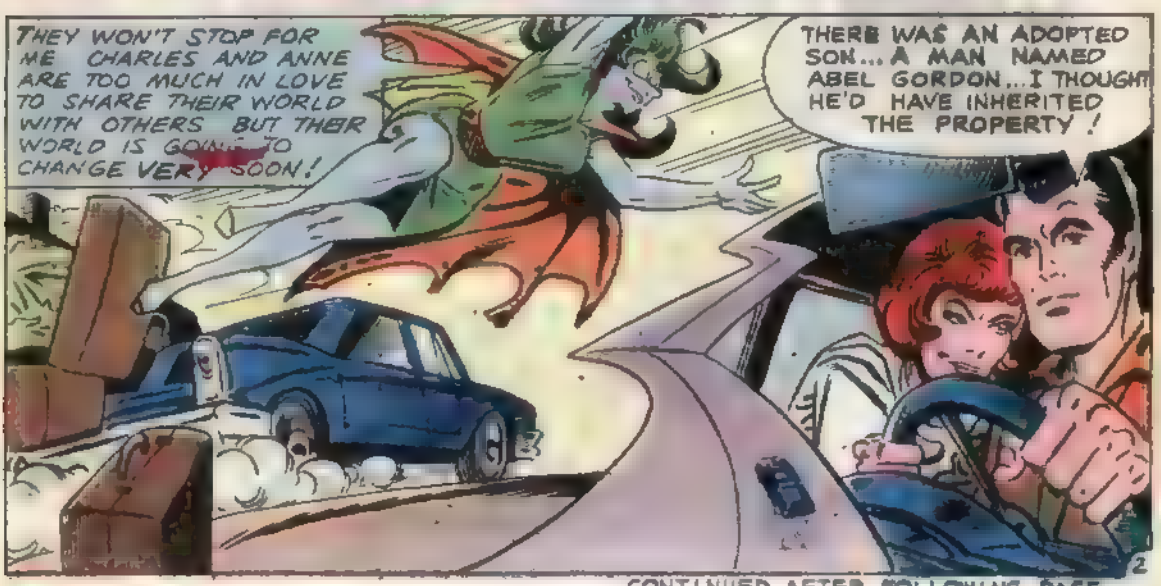
Web of Evil
THE HOUSE HAD LOOKED EVIL FROM THE OUTSIDE... BUT NEITHER ANNE NOR CHARLES WATERS COULD IMAGINE THE HORROR THAT AWAITED THEM BEYOND ITS CREAKING DOORS! STAY NEAR ME, YOU MEN HOLD ME CLOSE WHEN IT GETS SCARY... AND IT WILL!
CHARLES ...IT'S A REAL SPIDER!
WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY OUT, DARLING.. RIGHT NOW!
D-MOT


THIS NIGHTMARE BEGAN FOR CHARLES AND ANNE WATERS WHEN THE MAIL ARRIVED ONE MORNING...
CHARLES, HERE'S A LETTER FROM HOYLE & AJEL...THEY'RE LAWYERS!
I INHERITED GREAT-UNCLE AMOS GORDON'S PROPERTY IN OHIO, ANNE!
WHAT'S THAT BIT AT THE BOTTOM, CHARLES?


WE'VE GOT TO LIVE IN THE PLACE FOR ONE MONTH BEFORE IT BECOMES OURS TO DO WITH AS WE CHOOSE!
IT SEEMS TO BE VALUABLE PROPERTY, ANNE...
WE'VE BOTH GOT THE SUMMER OFF FROM TEACHING CHARLES... LET'S PACK OUR BAGS AND DRIVE OUT THERE!


THEY WON'T STOP FOR ME CHARLES AND ANNE ARE TOO MUCH IN LOVE TO SHARE THEIR WORLD WITH OTHERS BUT THEIR WORLD IS GOING TO CHANGE VERY SOON!
THERE WAS AN ADOPTED SON... A MAN NAMED ABEL GORDON... I THOUGHT HE'D HAVE INHERITED THE PROPERTY!
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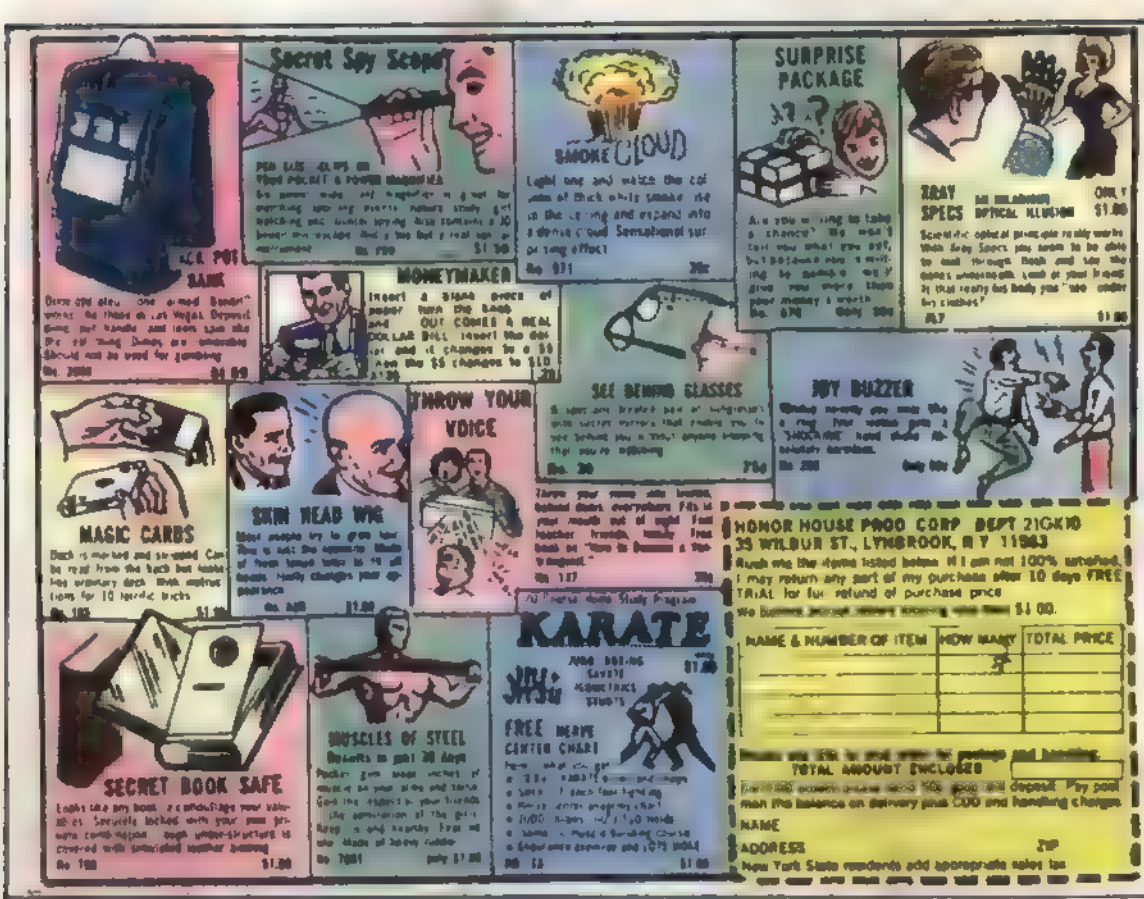
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A MONTH? CHARLES, LET'S FORGET ABOUT THIS PLACE... I MAY GO MAD HERE!
NONSENSE ANNE! WE'LL PROBABLY LOVE THE HIDEOUS OLD PLACE!
CHARLES IT'S SO COLD IN HERE IT SMELLS HORR BLE!
IT DOES HAVE AN EV L STENCH DARLING BUT WE LL OPEN A FEW WINDOWS LET N SOME SUN...
...AND THINK ABOUT HAWAII AND THE RIVIERA AND ALL THE BEAUT FUL PLACES WE LL VIS T AFTER WE'RE RICH!
KEEP TALK NG, CHARLES . I'M ALMOST CONVINCED!
EEE!!!!!
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P-PLEASE, CHARLES . I CAN'T STAY HERE EVEN ONE NIGHT . . I'M FRIGHTENED!
OF BATS? ANNE, THEY'RE HARMLESS . . YOU FIND THEM IN OLD BARNS AND EMPTY BUILDINGS . I'LL SMOKE THEM OUT !
THAT'S GREAT-UNCLE AMOS, ANNE AN ECCENTRIC FELLOW HE MADE A FORTUNE !
REALLY, CHARLES? HOW ?
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UGH! I'LL BET HE WAS A HORROR, CHARLES!
NOT REALLY, MY DEAR!
I AM AWARE OF THE CONTENTS OF MY FATHER'S WILL! I INFLUENCED HIS DECISION. YOU BECOME ELIGIBLE TO INHERIT ONLY IF YOU RESIDE HERE FOR ONE MONTH!
WE'LL DO IT, DR GORDON!
YOU YOUNG FOOL! DO YOU BELIEVE YOU WERE THE FIRST IN LINE TO BE OFFERED THE PROPERTY?
THERE HAVE BEEN OTHERS BEFORE YOU... NONE OF THEM QUALIFIED!
EXPLAIN THAT, DOCTOR!
SLAMM
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NOW, IT WAS BLACK NIGHT OUTSIDE...
THERE IS THE ONLY ROOM WE HAVEN'T SEEN, CHARLES!
WE MUST, ANNE... IF WE'RE TO REMAIN HERE A MONTH... THEN WE MUST KNOW ALL THE SECRET PLACES!
CREAAAKE EEEEEEEEK
IT'S COLDER IN THERE... AND THE STENCH IS FOUL!
THE DOOR SWUNG WIDE AND THEN THEY KNEW THE SECRET OF THE ANCIENT MANSE!
CHARLES, LOOK!
GET BACK, ANNE... I'VE GOT TO CLOSE THE DOOR!

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CHARLES... THIS IS DR. ABEL GORDON'S JOURNAL... DID YOU KNOW HE WAS HUNG UP ON THE SUBJECT OF SPIDERS!
HE BELIEVED THEY POSSESS A MALEVOLENT INTELLIGENCE...
CREAKK
IT... IT'S BREAKING IN, CHARLES!
WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS HOUSE!
OUT HERE... WE'LL GO THROUGH THE MAIN HALL TO THE FRONT DOOR!
THEN... TOO LATE... THEY KNEW THEY WERE TRAPPED!
CHARLES... THIS WEB WASN'T HERE BEFORE!
IT MUST'VE BEEN HIDDEN... ABEL GORDON CONSTRUCTED IT...

CHARLES, HELP ME!
THEY HAD NO WEAPON... OTHER THAN THE OIL LAMP.. SO CHARLES HURLED THAT! IT SMASHED AND...
CRASH
COME ON, ANNE!
THEY LEAPED INTO THE CAR AND CHARLES WATERS GUNNED IT OUT OF THE DRIVE... BEHIND THEM THE BLACK NIGHT WAS TORN BY ROARING FLAMES!
WE'LL STOP AT THE NEAREST HOUSE AND PHONE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!
THEY WON'T SAVE THAT HOUSE!
W-WHAT ABOUT DR. GORDON?
DID YOU HEAR THE BELLOW OF PAIN WHEN I THREW THAT LAMP, ANNE? NO SPIDER EVER MADE A SOUND LIKE THAT... ABEL GORDON IS DEAD!
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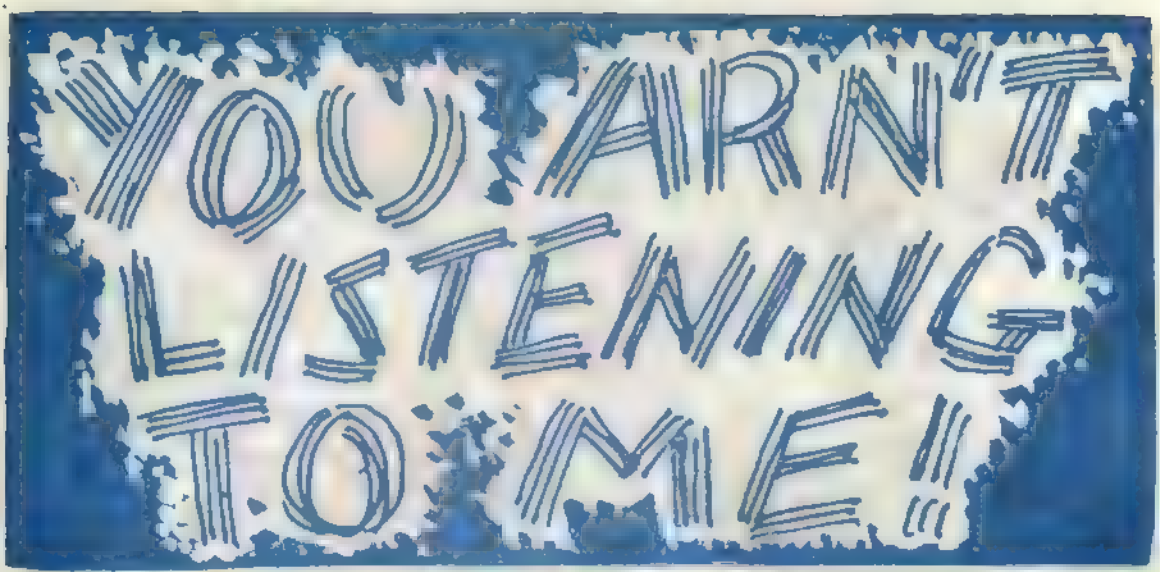

Physically you are in top shape," smiled Dr. William Heller as he spoke to John Ludsen. "Now we come to the question of your mental condition The reports all say you check out. Your intelligence is above the average. So why worry? Go ahead with your work

But I still hear that voice speaking to me From time to time it repeats the same admonishment' "You aren't listening to me! Now what do I do about it?"

"There are only two major explanations for it," continued Dr. William Heller. "You have told us you know that the voice is that of your late departed friend, Mr. Michael Moress. You and your sister would visit his home frequently. His sister played piano-four hands-with your sister. And you do like his sister as you have admitted to us. Even thinking of marrying her. Your friend was older than you were. He wanted to help you in many ways. Which according to what you have told us in the report, he did But he had this friendly expression of getting your attention: You aren't listening to me!

One explanation is simple You remember it very well. So from time to time you imagine you hear him still speaking to you. Don't worrry about it. With the passing of time, you will not hear him again. The other explanation isn't that simple. As you know, I am interested in the Supernatural It could be some kind of a warning from the other world Provided of course, you do believe in Life after Death."

Three days later, John Ludson was headed northward on route 17. At his side was Jean Moress.

"We will have lunch at the Mountain Inn," he said. "I liked the place so much when I was a boy. Then we do some trail climbing. There's an old bandhouse where they would once practice music on the side of the mountain

He parked his car outside the Inn. They waited until the dining room was opened. The headwaiter gave them a table for two at the window side.

"Something important I am going to ask you today," he smiled. "When we get up to the old bandhouse."

"I am certain I know the question," she said gently and softly. "And the answer will be a big Yes."

After lunch they rested. Then they started on the trail. It was a weekday and hardly any people were at the Inn. Which was overcrowded on the weekends. An hour brought them in sight of the old bandhouse. Suddenly he heard the voice speaking:

"Don't take my sister inside that bandhouse. It will be certain death for the two of you. Stay where you are. You will know what to do when the time comes. Now don't move ahead! You aren't listening to me!"

One look at his face and Jean could see that something was definitely wrong.

"What's come over you, John?" she asked. "Are you ill?"

"I can't tell you what it is," he replied. "But just stay here with me. I love you. I know you love me and you will marry me. But do as I say. We must stay here."

Ten minutes they remained in that one spot. And then he saw it in the sky. A small private plane coming lower and lower. It went out of control. And hit the bandstand. He rushed right over to it. Just before it burst into flames. There were two passengers inside. He dragged them both out to safety. And then the plane exploded. That was all he remembered.

When he opened his eyes again he was in a hospital room. Both his hands were bandaged. Jean Moress was sitting at the side of his bed.

"There are reporters outside to see you. You are the hero of the day. You did save those two people. They want to know how you could go into action so quickly. What will you tell them?"

This time he heard the same voice speaking again to him. It seemed to calm and friendly.

"You did listen to me. Well, I won't bother you again. I know my sister is in good hands with you. She will be a wonderful wife to you. One of the men you saved is a multi-millionaire. He will want to do a lot for you. Let him do it. Just tell these reporters that when a man is in love, it gives him a tremendous amount of courage. Don't tell anyone about me warning you. Farewell!"

Suddenly the door to his room opened. The reporters and the photographers were ready for him. And he was ready for them!

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SEWER PATROL
SURE, PEOPLE LIKE TO KEEP PETS! I'VE GOT A PUP AND TWO CATS MYSELF, BUT WHEN THE PETS GET BIG AND DANGEROUS...
...WHY DUMP THEM DOWN HERE?
MIKE! I SEE SOMETHING!
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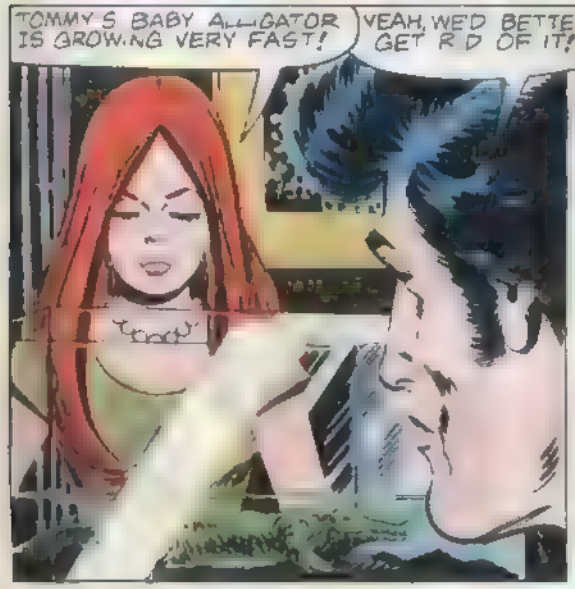
JACK ABEL

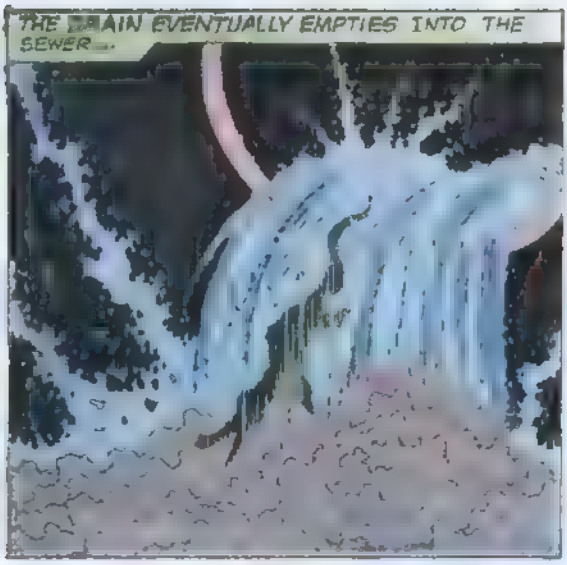
GEEZ! THERE MUST BE AT LEAST SIX OF THEM!

THERE'S THREE MORE COMING FROM THIS END!
JIM, SAL! TAKE THE REAR!

HOLD YOUR FIRE! HOLD IT! NOW!


TOMMY'S BABY ALLIGATOR IS GROWING VERY FAST!
YEAH, WE'D BETTER GET RID OF IT!

WE'LL TELL TOMMY THAT IT ESCAPED AND IT'S PROBABLY ON ITS WAY TO FLORIDA!


THE DRAIN EVENTUALLY EMPTIES INTO THE SEWER...

..WHERE IN THE HEAT AND DARKNESS THE BABY ALLIGATOR WILL GROW! SOON IT WILL MEET OTHER ALLIGATORS WHO HAVE SUFFERED A SIMILAR FATE AND THEY WILL FLOURISH!

MY LEG!

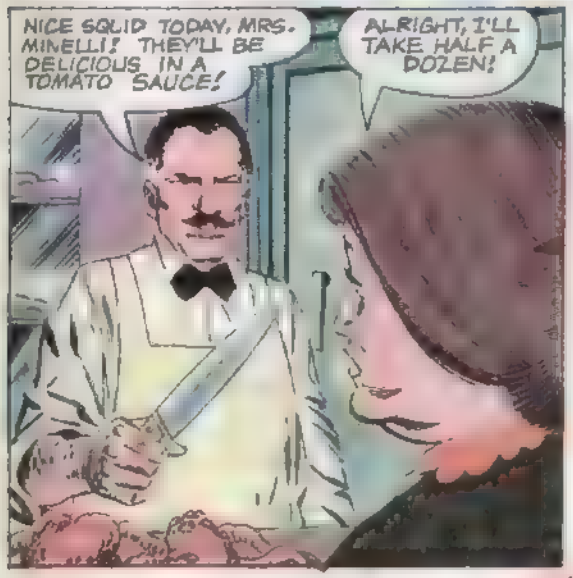
I THINK WE GOT 'EM ALL!
HOW BAD IS YOUR LEG, HARRY?
NOT TOO BAD!

CAN YOU MAKE IT TOPS OF BY YOURSELF?
SURE I CAN! WELL, GOOD HUNTING!

MIKE, LET'S GO WITH HARRY AND GET OUT OF HERE!
I CAN'T GO UNTIL THESE SEWERS ARE SAFE FOR MEN TO WORK, BUT I WANT YOU TO LEAVE!

NO, I'LL STAY WITH YOU!
THERE'LL BE MORE YOU KNOW! NOT JUST 'GATORS. PEOPLE DUMP ALL KINDS OF THINGS DOWN HERE!

WHAT COULD BE WORSE THAN ALLIGATORS?
SHARKS OR...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ALRIGHT, I'LL TAKE HALF A DOZEN!

UGH! SOME OF THEM ARE STILL ALIVE!

MRS. MINELLI DUMPED THE SQUID INTO THE SEWERS AND LIKE THE ALLIGATORS, THE TINY SQUID GREW AND GREW AND...
MIKE! BEHIND YOU!
THAT'S A NEW ONE ON ME! I DIDN'T KNOW SQUID COULD SURVIVE DOWN HERE!
MIKE! HERE COME MORE OF THEM!
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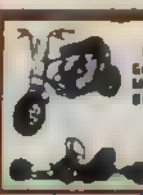

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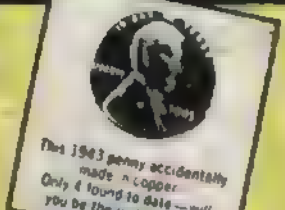

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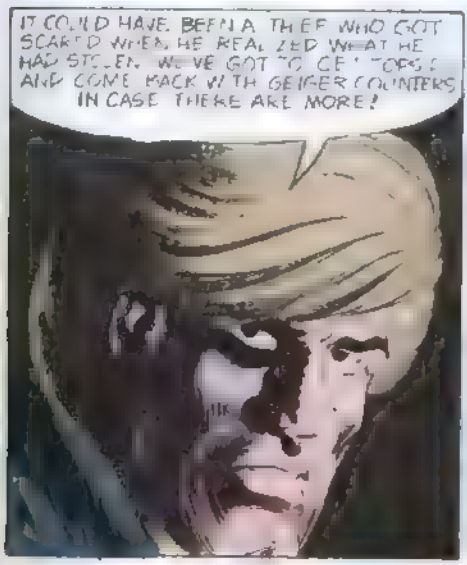
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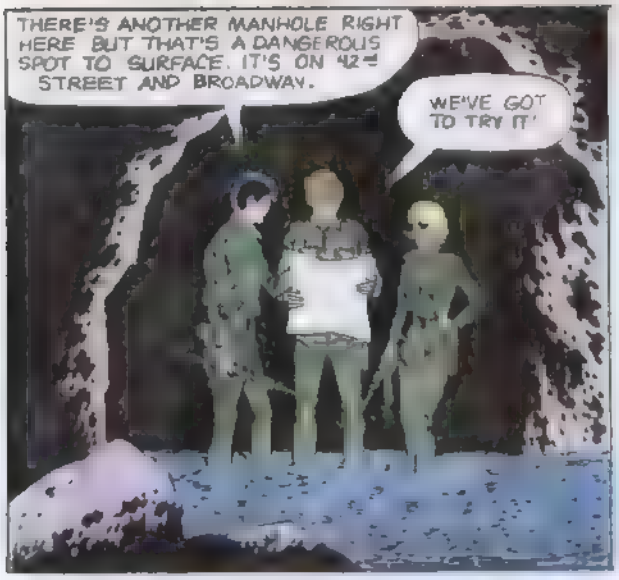
GIANT SQUID! GIANT WATER RATS! ARE WE IN NEW YORK OR ARE WE ON MARS?
DOWN HERE IT IS HARD TO TELL!

I CAN'T GET THIS LID OFF! IT'S STUCK!


THERE'S ANOTHER MANHOLE RIGHT HERE BUT THAT'S A DANGEROUS SPOT TO SURFACE. IT'S ON 42ND STREET AND BROADWAY.
WE'VE GOT TO TRY IT!

WHERE'S JIM?
HE WENT ON UP AHEAD TO SCOUT!

RUN! GET AWAY! GUNS ARE USELESS!
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